

Pianos are made on the order of a violin or Italian harp. The tone comes from steel strings. Each piano note, however, should have three strings in the middle and upper register and two in the lower register, or bass notes. These strings must be tuned in unison and remain so, or the tones from your piano will be almost unbearable. There is about a seventeen-ton pressure on these strings, so you will realize that a piano, to remain in good tune, must be thoroughly well made. There are thirteen thousand four hundred and sixty (13,460) distinct parts in a good piano action, and in a good piano there are about eighteen thousand (18,000) distinct parts. A piano is made of wood, iron and steel; therefore you can readily understand that, being made up of so many different parts and of material which is subject to contraction and expansion, it must be well made and the best of materials must be used if your piano is going to remain in satisfactory playing condition.

WHY KIMBALL PIAMOS WEAR BEST.

The durability of the piano you buy is important to you, not only because you don't want your piano to be a constant bill of expense, but a piano that is continually out of tune, action bad, etc., is a source of annoyance. The KIMBALL stands in tune better and retains its good tone longer than other makes; first, because it has a heavier iron plate and wood frame than other makes; second, the action of the Kimball is stronger and more durable than other makes, because the parts that are most likely to wear are connected with brass instead of frail pieces of wood; third, the bearing of the strings follows iron plate, and there is no possible chance for its "giving down." But the bearing of the strings is not on cast iron, as in many pianos, which causes the "tin-panny" tone. It is on a bell-metal-covered pin block, built up of seven thicknesses of rock maple. The grain of each layer is at right angles to the grain of the adjacent layer, glued and screwed together. And there are many other points of excellence that we cannot mention here.

Won't you examine the Kimball and nine (9) other good makes we handle and let your own eyes be the judge of the truthfulness of our statements?

We are showing fifty-three different styles of ten different well-known, reliable makes, in all the finest woods. Nearly 500 instruments from which to make a selection. They are makes we have selected after many years of sifting and changing. Being free to select-not tied up to our own factory's product our expert opinion to you follows the investment of our own money.

PIANOS S5 MONTHLY.

Christmas will soon be here. It takes only a very small payment to have a piano in your home for Christmas and the holiday season. The KIESEL-HORST plan of selling is your best and most lenient friend, and the Kieselhorst plan saves you money

Saves you \$55 on \$200 Planes. Naves you \$65 on \$250 Planes. Naves you \$85 on \$200 Planes. Naves you \$125 on \$450 Planes.

Our Small-Payment Plan Makes Piane Buying Easy.

FREE-BRIDGE MEN WANT A HEARING

Advocates of Ziebold Bill to Appear in Force Before Ways and Means Committee of Council

At a meeting of the Joint Prec-Bridge committee vesterday afternson in the rooms of the St. Louis Manufacturers' As-sociation, plans were made to be present in force at the City Hall Tuesday when the Wars and Means Committee of the Coun-The Ziebold till advocates will ask for a

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Fon People Know Now Lactul It Is to Preserving Health and Brauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better, it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onlors and other odorous vegetables.
Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whiteen the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently seed output of the complexion. ante cathartic.
It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels, it distincts the mouth and throat from the person of catarrh.

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All druggists sell charcoal in one form or shother, but probably the test charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Louenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, of rather in the form of large, pleasant-insting louenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

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The daily use of these lonenges will soon
tell in a much-improved condition of the
general health, better complexion, an exter
hreath and purer blood, and the beauty of
it is that no possible harm can result
from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great henefit.

A Bushie physician, in speaking of the
benefits of charcoal, mays: "I afvise fruactive Charcoal Lonenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and howels
and to clear the complexion and purify
the breath, mouth and throat: I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the
daily use of them; they cost but twentyfrue cents a box at drug stores, and, although in some cense a patent preparation,
yet I believe I get more and better charcoal is frunt's Charcoal Laurence than
in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

hearing before the committeemen, al-though former Attorney General E. C. Crow told the meeting he thought it doubtful whether another public hearing we ld be granted. cold be granted. Pree-bridge literature will be sent to

Free-bridge literature will be sent to the committeemen and they will be personally buttonholed by the free bridge advenues between now and Tuesday.

The resignation of Treasurer George A. Mellon of the Joint Free-Bridge Committee was accepted, after Chairman L. D. Kingsland had called the session to order and it had been ascertained that seventeen organizations were represented. Mr. Mellon pleaded increased personal business. Wilson H. Rowley of the St. Louis Paint, Oil and Bring Club, was elected to succeed him.

The report of the Publishing Committee. The report of the Publicity Committee was to the effect that 25 St. Louis labor unions have been addressed by free-bridge advocates, and that 85 per cent of the union-labor vote of this city favors a free bridge.

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P. J. Coughlin, president of the Building Trades Council, spoke regarding the election next April and favoring a "square dead" at the polls. Upon a motion by Colin M. Selph, president of the St. Louis Democratic Club, the following committee as appointed to take up the matter: Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Selph and B. J. McCullen, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

Council

Notice was given of a free-bridge meeting Wednesday night in Ande's Hall, Jefferson avenue and Pestalozzi street under
the auspices of the Southwestern Mercanthe ampliers of the Southwestern Mercan-tile Association.

The Twenty-Sixth Ward Republican League Club will hold a free-bridge meet-ing in Kicker a Hall. Newstead avenue and North Market street, to-morrow night, Among the speakers will be Henry S. Caulfield, former Attorney General E. C. Crow, and Charles F. Ziebold.

BRICK TRUST MEN INDICTED.

Chicago Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Seven.

Chicago, Dec 1—The Grand Jury to-day returned indictments against seven men in connection with an investigation which has been conducted fato the methods of the Illinois Brick Company which controls the greater part of the output of brick in and about Chicago.

The defendants in each case are charged with conspiracy to injure the business of another, and in the indictments are named several indisendent firms, whose business is declared to have suffered as a result of the operations of the Illinois Brick Company.

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The men indicted are. George C. Prus-sine, president of the Illinois Brick Com-pany; John A. Gray, an agent of the com-pany, and William H. Weckler, Bilward J. Tomilins, and John Shelhamher, official of the Illinois Brick Company, and Pat-rick McMahun and Charles Hank, labor leaders.

Sir Clinton Edward Dawkins Had

Weak Heart. London, Dec. 2-Str Clinton Edward Durkins, a partner in the banking house of J. S. Morgan & Co., died in London to-day after a short illness.

Bir Clinton's heart had been weak for some time.

BEAUTIFUL MRS. WISTER BEGINS CONTEST TO BREAK WEIGHTMAN WILL

Probability That Large Part of Millions of Recentric Philadelphia Business Man Is to Fall Into Hands of Men He Most Hated, the Lawyers, Is a Matter of Keenest Interest to Those Who Have Followed the Remarkable Controversy-Romance of Famous Fortune - Its Founder's Humble Beginning.



REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"New York Dec. 2.—Vast interests are at stake in Mrs. Jones Wister's legal contest to break the \$100.000,000 will left by William Weightman of Philadelpida.

The document, as offered for probate, gives the property to hie old man's daughter. Mrs. Anne Weightman Walker.

Mrs. Wister to a beautiful and brilliant woman. As wife or William Weightman Jr., she leste him several children, and was a great favorite with her husband's father, who lived with them so great that a few years after his son's death he wanted her to marry him, it is said.

As she had become obsewhere engaged the proposed alliance failed, and when she married the handsome Jones Wister, the aged man sought residence elsewhere, but he still admired his daughter-in-law and had great affection for his grandchildren.

Mrs. Wister says a codiell to the will giving to each of her children \$6.00 was destroyed. For this and other reasons she contests the will against the surviving daughter. Mrs. Wister was a beauty from girlhood. Then she was Sobina d'Inviliers, daughter of a family claiming relationable with noted Kings of France.

Later, she married William Weightman Jr., and, being a society woman, had half the town at her feet, and was a general gavorite.

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TALE OF THE MILLIONS TALE OF THE MILLIONS.

That the millions will in all probability fall into the hands of the men William Weighman most hated, lawyers, is a matter of the keenest interest to those who knew the eccentric man during his bustness career in Philadelphia. How he came to leave his millions as he did is a puzzle to the few who were familiar with his rooted abhorrence for legal contests.

He was frequently heard to say that if wealthy men didn't know better than to leave wills which could be broken they might expect the heirs to spend time and money in wrangling over technicalities. leave wills which could be broken they might expect the heirs to spend time and money in wrangling over technicolities with the lawyers. For his part, he middle he had been also be enriched through him. So impregnable would his will be that no one could break it. His vast wealth was to go from the third to the fourth generation. After that the heirs would be so far remeved from near relationship to the founder of the forume that even could be know of them he would have no interest in their affairs.

No churches of any creed were to be benefited directly or indirectly by his death. When living he had no use for religion. Charity was unknown in his life. Money was his god. He was a strangely cold and calculating man, with a genius for turning everything into gold.

When a lad, penulless and alone, he came to this country in search of an uncle on his mother's side who had emigrated to America years before. Young Weightman found this relative. John Parr, owner of large laboratories in Philadelphia. Farr felt nity for the homeless youth and offered him work as errand boy.

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Weightman soon showed ability and became in turn clerk and bookkeeper. He was a bright, keen, studious boy. In the drug business he saw great opportunities for wealth and he determined to know. for wearin and he determined to know more of the scientific part of the work. While other boys in Philadelphia were wasting their time and money William Weightman stuck close to business and books and became one of the leading chemists of the world.

HIS START IN LIFE

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His start was made by the introduction of sugar-coated quinine pills. It gave him a partnership in the firm of Farr. Powers & Weightman, which for years has been famous the world over. His firm received large orders from the Government during the Civil War to supply the army with quinine and other drugs. It was this little sugar-coated pill, protected by enormous duty, which made Weightman the wealthiest man in Philadelphia.

On the death of John Farr, the nephew, young Weightman, bought his interest in the firm, and when the other member, Mr. Powers died, Weightman became sole owner of the largest drug laboratories in the world. Where he had begun as errand boy twenty-five years before he was now proprietor.

ing, the Garrick Theater, the lietel Walton, the Stafford, the Haie building, Hotel Hanover, Bowne building, the Aldine, Bingham House, the old Mercantile Library, Heywood building, all of his mense laboratory buildings at Ninth and Parrish streets and at the Falls of the Schuykkilt; row after row of dweilings in Philadelphia and Germantown. In every large city in the United States he had large property holdings.

About sixty-seven years ago he married hiss Louise Stillwagon, anaghter of a peor Episcopal cleraymam. She had one brether and two sisters, When the Reverend Mr. Stillwagon died, which was during the early years of his married life, the whiow was left almost penniless, and it was only through the generosity of her brother. George W. Ford, that the mother was able to keep her little family together. He was a wealthy Philadelphia contractor and builder.

WIFE DIED SUDDENLY.

None of the Stillwagons made brilliant matches except Miss Louise. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weightman lived on Franklin street, above Fairmount avenue. Here the wife died very suddenly after a stroke received while alighting from her carriage. She never regained consciousness.

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The Weightmans had three children, a daughter and two sons. Both boys studied medicine, but practiced very little. John Farr Weightman, named for his greatuncle, married Miss Martha S. Rogers, daughter of P. S. Rogers, a wealthy banker, who cwned one of the finest country places in Germantown, at the corner of Old York road and Green lane. This daughter-in-law was in every sense a fine woman. Two sons were born to them. Malcoim R. and Aubrey. When John Farr Weightman died he left his widow \$4502.60, the interest to be paid to her as long as she remained his widow. She survived him nine years. On her death her sons inherited the money.

William Weightman Jr. married Sabina d'Invilliers, a daughter of a Frenchman who, though in moderate circumstances, was of an excellent old family. Miss d'Invilliers's father carried on a profitable lee business in the Quaker City. There were six children in the family, all girls Marie Louise. Ama Martha, Bertha C. Louise, Ethel and Martha, the edeet, who married Dector Falles of Philadelphia, and is the only one of the grandchildren not living. Three children survived her.

When William Weightman Jr. died his widow received the annunity from \$1.00,000 to long as she did not marry again. In addition to this sum she was left the home in Broad street, below Popiar, which house, though situated in what was then the most fashionable part of Philadelphia, was considered the queerest and ugliest structure in town. Seven years or so ago this widow received the mounty from \$2.00,000 to lodgest familities, and the grandchildren for forfeited her fortune to marry Mr. Wister, a member of one of Philadelphia. Weightman Jr. forfeited her fortune to marry Mr. Wister, a member of one of Philadelphia. Weightman Jr. Forfeited her fortune to marry Mr. Wister, a member of one of Philadelphia. Weightman Jr. the elder Weightman's daughter, Anna The elder Weightman's daughter, Anna

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The elder Weightman's daughter, Anna Martha, married Robert J. C. Walker, a poor young lawyer of Williamsport, Pa, whose parents are well known in that section. Leaving home, he went to Philadelphia to make a career in the courts. He was not a great attorney, but he was a handsome man, and some say that it was his face which won him the millionaire's daughter's hand. To his father-in-law's disgust and anger the new husband proved to be free with money.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had two children—a daughter, who died when very young, and som, who lived to be just fi. Upon in the grandson old man Weightman built plans for the future of his family and name. He settled \$4.00.00 on young walker when he became of age and presented him with a magnificent home in valual street for his quarters, with a suggestion that he make a tour of the world and sow his wild outs before settling down to business, for the millionaire planned to have the boy take entire control of the laboratories.

Young Walker took the hint and invited fifteen young men to accompany him abroad at his expense. But that was the

on the death of John Fair, the nephew young Weightman bought his interest in the firm, and when the other member. Mr. Powers died, Weightman became sole owner of the largest firig laboratories in the world. Where he had begun as errand boy twenty-five pears before he was now proprietor.

Always miseriy in money matters, he refused all appeals for charity. If one owed him a cent he demanded payment, Clergy men and charitable institutions soon found it useless to ask him for ald. To his debt-orn he was hard and reientiess. His strewdness in investing made him the shrewdness in investing made him the hargest real estate owner in Philadelphia and neighborhood. To his family and binsiness associates he said: "If you buy a house for \$16.600 and pay but \$8.600 down you do not own it. It is the property of the mortgages. Let someone else own the house and you hold the mortgage."

This was his motte, and through following it his holdings of land increased enormounty, some of the finest Philadelphia buildings being owned by him.

Among them were the Weightman build-

the more was that Mr. Walker was mending too much money to suit the old man. The Walkers fixed there in inxurious fashion, kept nine servants and tried to become social favorites. It has always been the wife's ambition to enter the exclusive circles of Philadelphia and New York society; but even in Washington, where she entertained lavishly, she has never been considered a member of the smart set. It was Mr. Weightman's wealth that made a place in Congress for Mr. Walkers rented one of the finest residences and spent money freely. Washington turned its back on them. Whether It was on acspent money freely. Washington turned its back on them. Whether it was on ac-count of their peculiarities or not is hard

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During Mrs. Walker's residence in Williamsport she had a serious accident while riding with her secretary—with whom goesips said ble was in love. Her horse three her, injuring her spine, and for a time it was feared she would become a lifeloug invalid. For years she was increased in plaster. The fall resulted in a permanent change in her figure.

One of the eccentricities of old Mr. Weightman is known to but few. To each of his children he gave a pony, and when these animals became too old to be

His favorite saying was: "I made my maney by hard work; why should I give it away?" Money-griting took up so much of his life that he had at time he had not the had had been been placed by the had had been been placed by the had had been placed by the had had been placed by the had had been placed by when he ded, he appeared not a day over 50. He was never sick in all his long life until the fatal liliness of a year ago.

Mr. Weightman was a quick. clercraman, and those who knew him realized the abourdity of trying to prove that his mind had weathered. His habits were extremely simple and modest. He arrived at the office every morning at \$23. At II he went home to dinner, after which he would lib down until 2 o'clock. At the streke of the hour he returned to the of the hour he returned to the office every morning at \$23. At II he went home to dinner, after which he would lib down until 2 o'clock. At the streke of the hour he returned to the office every morning at \$23. At II he went home to dinner, after which he would lib down until 2 o'clock. At the streke of the hour he returned to the office every morning at \$23. At II he went home to dinner, after which he would lib down until 2 o'clock. At the streke of the hour he returned to the office every morning at \$24. At II he went home to dinner, after which he would lib down the library. Called the hour he will have a street to the office every occupant.

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Many conjectures have been made as to the real reason for Mrs. Walker joining the Catholic Church, as all her family had been Eriscopalians. Some aver that the conversion was brought about through the influence of a former private secretary of Mr. Weightman, who acted as Mr. Walker's assistant in Williamsmort. This is the man Mrs. Walker is said to have been in love with a man for whom she always had nerviously had the hishest estem. In her relicion Mrs. Walker is a faustle, and there is small doubt that the Weightman millions will some day enrich the Roman Church.

Mr. Walker died about eight months before the death of Mr. Weightman. He was found lifeless in hed.

The feud which now exists between Mrs. Walker and her sister-in-law. Mrs. Writer, began when Mr. Weightman He lived with his son's wife, who was said to have excreted a strong influence over the man. Mrs. Walker naturally became jealous. It has always been thought hat the relatives that had Mrs. Wister not remarried she would to-day occurs. Mrs. Walker's position, and he the richest woman in America.

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For Children and Adults

ANTISEPTIC AND HYGIEN'C

Madame Yale's **ASSISTANT** Here All This Week.

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senger Agents, which was organized at Portland, Ore., in September last. There are about forty men eligible for member-chip in Texas.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, Dec. 2—Army orders were imaged to-day as follows:
Captain Frank H. Lawton. Commissary. will exceed to Hot Springs. Ark. and report to the commanding officer. Army and Navy General Hospital at that place, for observation and treatment.

Leave of forty-five days is granted Second Linguismant Alden F. Riewaner. Agaillers Corps. Second Linguismant Peter J. Hermeaner. Fifth Capairs on account of glokamas, in relieved found that at the beforeity and Cayalry School. For Leave growth. Kas. Upon the emiration of the nick caye granted him he will loin his troop.

Leave for one month is granted Captain Mandon Hamilton. Artillers form.

Recruit Herman B. Joseph. Infantry. Jefferman Harracks. Mo. is unasferred to the Simult Comman as private. He will be sent to Fort Commissary Communication for the State.

Post Commissary Sergeams Perey E. Butler. Poet Erhan Allen. Vs., will be sent to Fort Reso. Oh. to relieve Post Commissary Sergeant Theodore F. Darrick, who will be sent to the Fallinglines.

THE BITTERS IS THE SICK MAN'S FRIEND

MR. JOHN CLINE, Newport, Ky., says: "I have used your Bitters for laligestion, Dyspepsia and other Stomach Troubles, and find it did me more good than anything clos I had ever taken."

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the popular home remedy, has been used very successfully for 52 years by sickly people everywhere. No wonder its popularity is increasing every day. These people, having been benefited, tell their friends, and urge them to start taking it at once, which is a splendid plan for any person in search of health.

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will offeet a cure if such a thing is possible. In Belching, Flatulency, Heartburn, Sour Risings. Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Colds, Crippe or Malarial Fever it is excellent. Try it to-day

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